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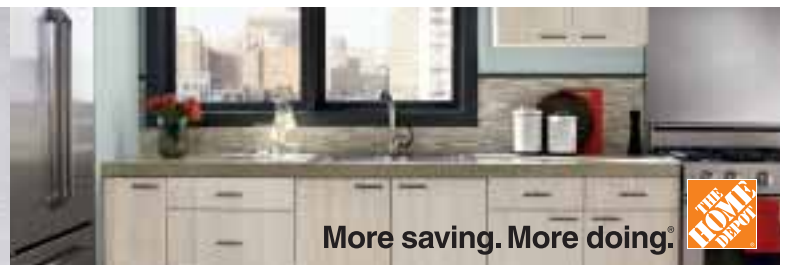
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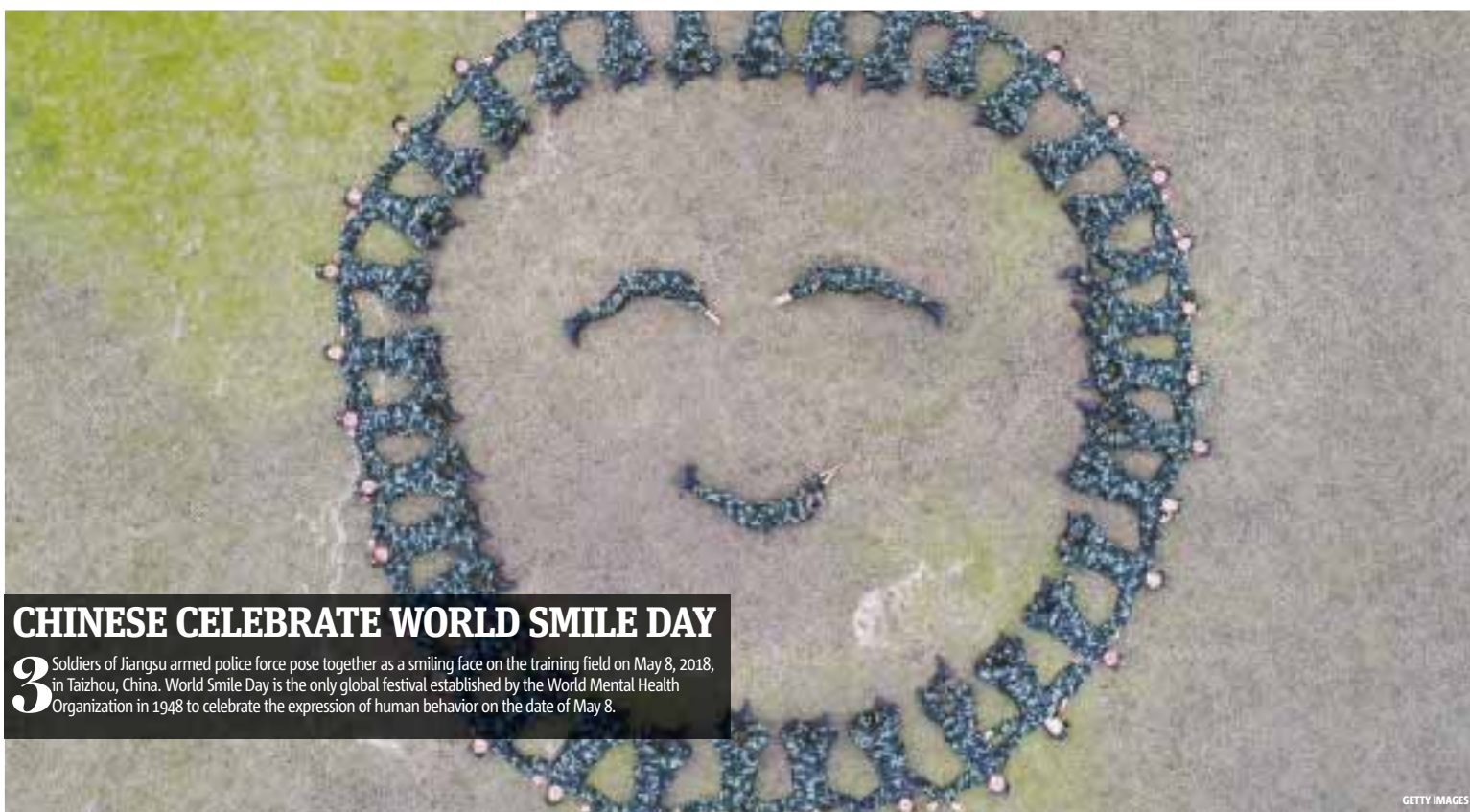
The lawyer for adult-film star Stormy Daniels, who says she was paid \$130,000 by Michael Cohen, the longtime attorney for U.S. President Trump, to stay quiet about a sexual encounter with Trump, on Tuesday claimed that Cohen received \$500,000 from a Russian billionaire in the months after the 2016 U.S. election. In a tweet and report released on Tuesday, Daniels' attorney Michael Avenatti said a company controlled by Viktor Vekselberg, a businessman with ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, sent the payment to Cohen. (Reuters could not immediately verify the claim and it

was not clear how Avenatti would have knowledge of any payment from Vekselberg to Cohen. Cohen and Avenatti did not immediately respond to requests for comment from Reuters. Avenatti said Vekselberg and his cousin, Andrew Intrater, made eight transfers to Cohen between January and August 2017 through a company called Columbus Nova LLC for a total of \$500,000. Columbus Nova is an U.S. investment arm of Renova Group, a conglomerate controlled by Vekselberg. Both Vekselberg and Renova were hit last month by U.S. sanctions for suspected meddling in the 2016 U.S. election.

JOB OPENINGS HIT RECORD
HIGH AS WORKERS QUIT

U.S. job openings surged to a record high in March, suggesting that a recent slowdown in hiring was probably the result of employers having difficulties finding qualified workers. The monthly Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, or JOLTS, released by the Labor Department on Tuesday also showed more workers voluntarily quit their jobs in March, a sign of confidence in the labor market that economists believe will help to push up wage growth this year. The JOLTS report bolsters expectations that inflation will accelerate and keep the Federal Reserve on track to raise interest

rates at least two more times this year. The U.S. central bank hiked interest rates in March. "The labor market is hot and getting hotter by the day so central bankers need to continue to take the punch bowl away because higher wages and greater inflation are on the way," said Chris Rupkey, chief economist at MUFG in New York. Job openings, a measure of labor demand, increased by 472,000 to 6.6 million. March's job openings were the highest since the data series started in December 2000. The job openings rate rose three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2 percent, also an all-time high.



CHINESE CELEBRATE WORLD SMILE DAY

3 Soldiers of Jiangsu armed police force pose together as a smiling face on the training field on May 8, 2018, in Taizhou, China. World Smile Day is the only global festival established by the World Mental Health Organization in 1948 to celebrate the expression of human behavior on the date of May 8.

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SENATE TO VOTE ON
OPEN INTERNET RULES

4 The Senate is set to vote in the coming week on rejecting the Federal Communications Commission decision in December to repeal Obama-era rules guaranteeing an open internet. Proponents currently have the backing of 47 Democrats and two independents who caucus with Democrats as well as Republican Sen. Susan Collins. With the prolonged absence of Sen. John McCain due to illness, proponents believe they will win on a 50-49 vote. Senate Democrats on Wednesday will officially file petition to force a net neutrality vote and 10 hours of floor debate under

the Congressional Review Act. Advocates believe the Senate will vote before the end of next week. The FCC in December voted 3-2 to reverse Obama-era rules barring service providers from blocking, slowing access to or charging more for certain online content. The new FCC rules, once effective, would give internet service providers sweeping powers to change how consumers access the internet. The FCC has not yet disclosed when the new rules will be effective, but officials have said the commission will likely give at least 30 days notice before the rules officially take effect.

DEMS SAY GOP SPENDING
CUTS ARE 'HYPOCRITICAL'

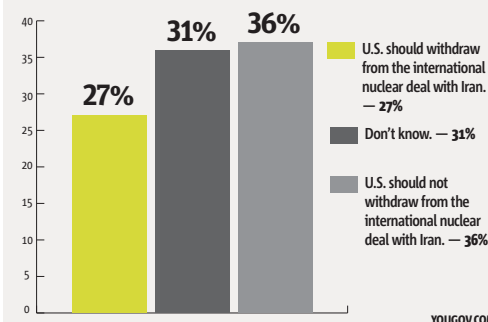
5 The Trump administration on Tuesday began trying to convince U.S. lawmakers to support \$15 billion in spending cuts, which Democrats called a hypocritical bid to reclaim an image of fiscal conservatism following Republicans' deficit-ballooning tax cuts of 2017. President Donald Trump's package, known as a rescissions request to kill existing budget commitments, rekindled partisan fiscal conflict in Congress on the heels of relative calm with the March 23 enactment of a government-wide funding bill. White House Budget Director Mick Mulvaney was dispatched

to a weekly Republican meeting to urge approval of the spending cuts. House of Representatives conservatives applauded Trump's measure. "We will get the rescissions package passed," House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy told reporters after a closed-door meeting with his fellow rank-and-file Republicans. The national debt, an accumulation of past annual deficits, now exceeds \$21 trillion and is projected to hit \$29 trillion by the end of the decade, expanded by deep Republican tax cuts last December and a massive spending bill by both parties earlier this year.

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Do you think the United States should or should not withdraw from the international nuclear deal with Iran?



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Report: NYC home to largest population of independent workers in country

The gig economy is in full swing in New York City, and a new report looks at how those independent workers are affecting the city.



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The way America's workforce looks is changing, and New York City is already on the front lines.

By 2020, experts predict that 40 percent of the United States workforce will be independent — meaning contract workers or those who are self-employed, rather than employed full time by a company. And New York City already has the largest population of independent professionals, according to a new report.

Fiverr, an online mar-

ketplace for freelancers, worked with research firm Rockbridge Associates to look at Census Bureau data on independent workers across the country.

Out of the top 15 U.S. cities with the most specialized independent workers, New York came in the lead with a population of approximately 533,000. Los Angeles was second, with about 399,000 independent professionals.

Together, those New York City workers made more than \$24 million in projected 2017 revenue, according to the report.

The world of specialized independent workers goes beyond your Uber

driver. It includes creatives, like musicians and writers, to lawyers and engineers. These workers can freelance, do contract work or become self-employed through their own businesses.

"We wanted to take a deep look into the specialized independent worker population because, frankly, it hasn't been done before," said Brent Messenger, Fiverr's global head of community. "There's been a lot of research done that looks at the general independent worker population, including those that make money from ride-sharing and home-sharing apps, but not a lot done to look into those utilizing a skill



Fiverr released a report looking at the independent workers who make up the gig economy in New York City and beyond. **STOCK**

or knowledge versus an asset."

From 2011 to 2015, these workers brought \$103 billion into the New York City economy, according to this report.

"Our research shows that the specialized independent workforce — graphic designers, programmers, consultants and more — are indepen-

dent because they want to be, not because they feel like they can't get a job," Messenger said. He attributed some of this push to millennials who saw how the Great Recession affected their parents.

This means corporations and politicians will have to make changes, both in the way businesses are run and the types of

policies that protect workers regarding things like healthcare and retirement savings, Messenger said.

New York City is already leading the way: In 2017, officials here enacted the Freelance Isn't Free Act, which gives those who are self-employed legal protections around getting paid and ensuring contracts.

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New York City has approximately 533,000 independent workers.

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Interim AG named after Schneiderman resigns; city pols react

Schneiderman, a vocal supporter of the #MeToo movement, stepped down after an article in The New Yorker accused him of physically abusing four women.



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An interim replacement has been named following the resignation of New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman after an article in The New Yorker accused him of physically abus-

ing four women.

State Solicitor General Barbara Underwood will be acting AG, according to a tweet from AG press secretary Amy Spitalnick. "She's argued 20 cases before SCOTUS, clerked for Thurgood Marshall & much more. The work continues," she wrote.

In a statement released Tuesday afternoon, Underwood said, "I am honored to serve the people of New York as acting Attorney General. The work of this office is critically important. Our office has never been stronger, and this extraordinarily talented, dedicated and tireless team of public

servants will ensure that our work continues without interruption."

Underwood was appointed solicitor general in January 2007, after previously serving as counsel and chief assistant to the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, holding executive positions in the Queens and Brooklyn District Attorneys' offices and a trial attorney for their Manhattan counterpart. She was also a law professor at Yale Law School, New York University School of Law and Brooklyn Law School, and graduated first in her class

from Georgetown University Law Center.

Hours after The New Yorker article broke, Gov. Andrew Cuomo called for the AG to step down.



Eric Schneiderman. ALL IMAGES GETTY IMAGES

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"No one is above the law, including New York's top legal officer," Cuomo said. "I do not believe it is possible for Eric Schneiderman to continue to serve as attorney general, and for the good of the office, he should resign."

Schneiderman said in a statement that he "strongly" contests the "serious allegations and 'while these allegations are unrelated to my professional conduct or the operations of the office, they will effectively prevent me from leading the office's work at this critical time.'"

Schneiderman, who has been AG since 2011, said his resignation be effective at the close of business on Tuesday.

Michelle Manning Barish and Tanya Selvaratnam, two of the four women who accused Schneiderman, told The New Yorker that he "repeatedly hit them, often after drinking, frequently in bed and never with their consent" and that it was "assault." Another woman said she was slapped violently and a fourth

said she had similar experiences.

The former AG, who had become a vocal supporter of the #MeToo movement and sought legal action following the sexual harassment allegations

consensual sexual activity. I have not assaulted anyone."

Many New York City politicians have released statements regarding Schneiderman's resignation.

"New Yorkers

"shocked and deeply disturbed," adding, "There is no place for this type of conduct in our society. With the attorney general's resignation behind us, we can move forward to ensure that our justice system continues to serve the people of New York."

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end this national epidemic."

The office of Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. said it has "opened an investigation" into the allegations against Schneiderman.

Acting AG Barbara Underwood will serve until a joint ballot by

clinging are Preet Bharara, former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York; Gov. Cuomo's chief counsel Alphonso David; Fordham Law School professor and former gubernatorial candidate Zephyr Teachout; New York City Public Advocate Letitia "Tish" James; state Sen. Todd Kaminsky; state Sen. Michael Gianaris, who is also chief political strategist for the Democratic conference; Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney; U.S. rep and former Schneiderman AG opponent Kathleen Rice; former federal prosecutor Carrie H. Cohen and Benjamin Lawskey, the state's first superintendent of financial services.

Teachout tweeted that she is "seriously considering running" as is Gianaris, according to NY1 reporter Grace Rauh. Rauh, citing a source, also reported that attorney and Deputy New York City Mayor Alicia Glen is also considering throwing her hat in the AG ring.

Read more about Schneiderman's resignation on page 18.



"New Yorkers deserve and expect more from their attorney general, who as the state's chief law enforcement officer has an obligation to uphold the law"

City Council Speaker Corey Johnson

against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein, said in a statement that he "never engaged in non-consensual sex, which is a line I would not cross."

Schneiderman further commented that he has "engaged in role-playing and other

deserve and expect more from their attorney general, who as the state's chief law enforcement officer has an obligation to uphold the law," said City Council Speaker Corey Johnson. Comptroller Scott Stringer said he was

didate Cynthia Nixon, who wrote a series of tweets on the accusations, called Schneiderman's accusers "heroines" and said that the "investigation should continue. We need to get to the bottom of the enormous culture of silence that protects those in power," she wrote. "We must continue to

the State Assembly and State Senate chooses Schneiderman's successor. A list of potential permanent replacements began making the rounds immediately after Schneiderman announced his resignation, which went into effect at the close of business on Tuesday.

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Trump abandons 'defective' Iran nuclear deal, will revive sanctions

Iran denies it has tried to build atomic weapons and says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

President Donald Trump on Tuesday pulled the United States out of an international nuclear deal with Iran, raising the risk of conflict in the Middle East, upsetting European allies and casting uncertainty over global oil supplies.

Trump said in a televised address from the White House that he would reimpose U.S. economic sanctions on Iran to undermine "a horrible one-sided deal that should have never, ever been made."

The 2015 agreement, worked out by the United States, five other world powers and Iran, lifted

sanctions on Iran in exchange for Tehran limiting its nuclear program. The pact was designed to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear bomb.

But Trump complains that the accord, the signature foreign policy achievement of his Democratic predecessor, Barack Obama, does not address Iran's ballistic missile program, its nuclear ac-

tivities beyond 2025 or its role in conflicts in Yemen and Syria.

Trump's decision intensifies the strain on the trans-Atlantic alliance since he took office 16 months ago, especially after European leaders made trips to Washington and repeatedly appealed to Trump to preserve the deal.

The Trump administration kept the door open to negotiating another deal with allies, but it is far from clear if the Europeans would go for that and if they could convince Iran to accept it.

A Western diplomat criticized Trump's speech.

"It announces sanctions for which the first victims will be Trump's European allies," said the diplomat, adding that Trump's decision would leave a lasting impression on European allies

"[Trump] announces sanctions for which the first victims will be Trump's European allies."

A Western diplomat



President Trump said the nuclear agreement did not prevent Iran from cheating and continuing to pursue nuclear weapons. GETTY IMAGES

because it made clear that Trump does not care about the alliance.

The leaders of Britain, Germany and France, which were signatories to the deal along with China and Russia, said in a joint statement that Trump's decision was a cause for

"regret and concern."

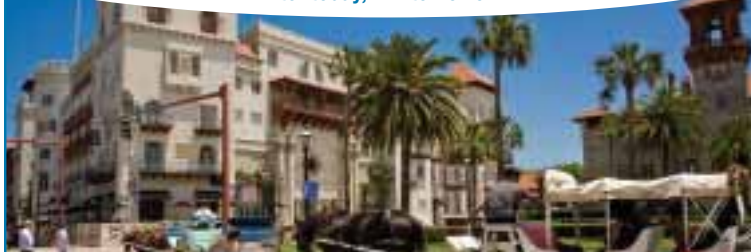
Underscoring the tension in the Middle East, the Israeli military went on high alert on Tuesday for a possible flare-up with neighboring Syria, which is allied to Iran.

Abandoning the Iran pact was one of the most

consequential decisions of Trump's high-stakes "America First" policy, which has led him to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord, come close to a trade war with China and pull out of an Asian-Pacific trade deal. REUTERS

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Analysis: What we can expect from Trump's Iran decision

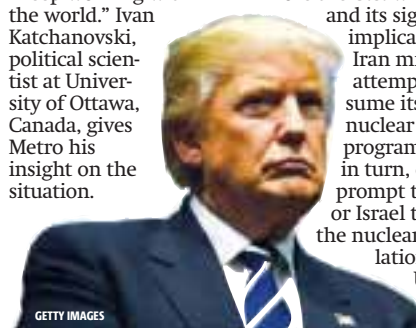
President Donald Trump announced on Tuesday, May 8, that the U.S. will abandon nuclear deal with Iran and reimpose sanctions. The 45th POTUS has been highly critical of the accord, calling the deal a "disaster" and "insane" and twice refused to certify to Congress that the country is complying with it. Ahead of the announcement Iran's President Hassan Rouhani stated that if Mr. Trump will chose to reimpose sanctions, Iran would "face some problems for two or three months" but would "pass through this" and it will "keep working with the world." Ivan Katchanovski, political scientist at University of Ottawa, Canada, gives Metro his insight on the situation.

What could the U.S. withdrawal from Iran nuclear deal imply?
Katchanovski: The U.S. exit of this agreement means that the world, and specifically the Middle East, faces a resumption of another major conflict. This conflict can potentially escalate into a war of the U.S. and its allies in the region with Iran.

Rouhani said Iran wants to "continue working with the world." Can Iran ignore the U.S. decision?
Iran cannot simply ignore the U.S. withdrawal and its significant implications. Iran might even attempt to resume its covert nuclear weapons program. This, in turn, could prompt the U.S. or Israel to attack the nuclear installations. The U.S. sanctions an-

nounced by Trump would hurt the Iranian economy, but they are unlikely to change the Iranian policy on key issues. The experience of similar sanctions against Russian and many other countries shows that they do not generally force target countries to change their policies.

What can we expect now?
Consequences of this decision might spill over to wars in Syria, Iraq, and Yemen and impact Lebanon and Israel. The U.S. sanction against Iran and growing U.S. tensions with this major oil exporting country also likely have impact on global oil prices. The U.S. decision to abandon the agreement, which stopped Iran pursuing nuclear weapons, can also negatively impact prospects for a similar deal with North Korea, because it would make North Korea less likely to agree to a denuclearization deal with the United States. MIGUEL VELAZQUEZ, MWN



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Acting was just 'fantasy' for Debra Messing until her high school teacher 'validated my dream'

For National Teacher Appreciation Day, Crayola invited Debra Messing, her high school drama teacher and others for a day of celebration.



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In the New York City school district alone, there are about 75,000 teachers who influence more than one million students each school day. Nationwide, about 3.2 million teachers work in United States public school systems.

In honor of National Teacher Appreciation Day, Crayola wants to

help people thank one million of those teachers, and actress Debra Messing helped kick off that goal.

In the Flatiron on Tuesday morning, Messing, best known for her role in "Will & Grace," publicly thanked Jim Metcalf, her high school drama teacher from East Greenwich High in Rhode Island.

"I grew up in the rural suburbs ... nobody from East Greenwich ever left to become an actress, so mine was a fantasy until I got to high school and met Jimmy," she said onstage at the Crayola Teacher Appreciation Day event, in front of local teachers and students.

"Jimmy was the first person, who was not my mother, who validated my dream," she added.

"He was the one who said, 'This isn't crazy, you have talent,' and he pushed me and challenged me and inspired me and made me work really, really hard."

Though she grew up in Rhode Island, Messing said that it was important to her to thank Metcalf at this event in New York City and in front of a wider audience.

"It's a nationwide day of celebration, and I just thought it was an extraordinary opportunity and privilege to have him come down from Rhode Island and honor him in this kind of grand way. He really deserves the spotlight," she told Metro.

"Teachers are unsung heroes," she continued, "and they don't get nearly the kind of appreciation

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Messing worked closely with Metcalf all through high school, from age 13 to 17 — musical rehearsals lasted two hours after school five days a week, she said. To Messing, that shows how Metcalf, and most teachers, go the ex-

tra mile when it comes to impacting kids.

Metcalf is still teaching, going on 42 years in his career, and Crayola awarded him with supplies for his school. The craft company, which was founded in New York City in 1903, also awarded visiting teachers from the tri-state area with \$500 in Crayola school supplies as a token of thanks for their work.

"I read about teachers all over the country who are taking money out of their paycheck in order to provide paper and pencils, and it's really unacceptable. Teachers don't get paid their value, not even close, and then on top of that to make it that much more onerous — it's something that shouldn't be happening," Messing said. "So today, it's really about celebrating teachers and saying we see you and we appreciate you, and Crayola is saying we want to help you."



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New York's Court of Appeals let stand a June 2017 ruling by an intermediate state appeals court in Manhattan that chimpanzees are not legal persons. GETTY IMAGES

NY's Court of Appeals refuses to free chimps from cages

The Nonhuman Rights Project believes chimpanzees are, like humans, entitled to bodily liberty.

The quest to free the chimpanzees Tommy and Kiko has reached the end of the line.

New York state's highest court on Tuesday rejected an appeal by the Nonhuman Rights Project seeking to move the animals to a sanctuary and end their confinement in cages by private owners.

By a 5-0 vote, the Court of Appeals let stand a June 2017 ruling by an intermediate state appeals court in Manhattan that chimpanzees are not legal persons, and that it is up to legislators to decide what rights animals deserve.

The Nonhuman Rights Project believes chimpanzees are, like humans, entitled to bodily liberty, and it has for several years sought to persuade courts

to grant legal rights to the animals.

In a concurring opinion on Tuesday, Court of Appeals Judge Eugene Fahey said the issue of whether animals are entitled to writs of habeas corpus to obtain freedom from detention touches on a "deep dilemma of ethics and policy" that

"While it may be arguable that a chimpanzee is not a 'person,' there is no doubt that it is not merely a thing."

Eugene Fahey,
Court of Appeals judge

must be addressed.

Fahey said chimpanzees share at least 96 percent of their DNA with humans, and eminent pri-

matologists have said the animals have advanced cognitive skills including the abilities to recognize themselves, remember, plan, imitate, exercise self-control, and display compassion and humor.

"While it may be arguable that a chimpanzee is not a 'person,' there is no doubt that it is not merely a thing," Fahey wrote.

Steven Wise, a lawyer for the Nonhuman Rights Project, said his group planned another lawsuit in a couple of months on behalf of a different animal he would not identify.

Fahey's opinion "could be a historical turning point in the struggle to obtain legal rights for nonhuman animals in the United States," Wise said in an interview.

The group also sued unsuccessfully to win freedom for two chimpanzees held by the State University of New York at Stony Brook. They moved after the school stopped using them for research.

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Critics of Trump's decision to leave the Iran deal say it could undermine his credibility in North Korea's eyes, fueling doubts whether he would abide by any nuclear agreement. **GETTY IMAGES**

As Pompeo arrives in North Korea, Trump has hope for detainees

Mike Pompeo is making his second visit to North Korea in less than six weeks.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrived in Pyongyang on Tuesday to prepare an unprecedented summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump, while the U.S. president signaled the possibility that three Americans detained in the country could soon be released.

Trump earlier broke the news of Pompeo's second visit to North Korea in less than six weeks and said that the two countries had agreed on a date and location for the summit, though he stopped short of providing details.

A U.S. media pool report said Pompeo arrived in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, from Japan and headed to the city's Koryo Hotel for meetings.

While Trump said it would be a “great thing” if the American detainees were freed, Pompeo, speaking to reporters en route to Pyongyang, said he had not received such a commitment but hoped North Korea would “do the right

thing,” Pompeo said his visit was intended to finalize a summit agenda that could enable a “historic, big change” in relations between long-time foes.

The detainees' release could signal an effort by Kim to set a more positive tone for the summit, which is planned for late May or early June, following Kim's recent pledge to suspend missile tests and shut Pyongyang's nuclear bomb test site.

While Kim would be giving up the last of his American prisoners, whom North Korea has often used as bargaining chips with the United States, a release could also be aimed at pressuring Trump to make concessions of his own in his bid to get Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear arsenal.

something it has not signaled a willingness to do.

"Plans are being made, relationships are building," Trump said of the planned summit during remarks otherwise focused on his decision to pull the United States out of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

"Hopefully, a deal will happen. And with the help of China, South Korea and Japan, a future of great prosperity and security can be achieved for everyone," Trump said.

Pompeo made a secret visit to North Korea over the Easter weekend, becoming the first U.S. official known to have met Kim, to lay the groundwork for the planned summit. The meeting

occurred before Pompeo, who was then head of the CIA, had received Senate confirmation as secretary of state.

Trump suggested that dropping out of the Iran nuclear accord, which he has frequently denounced as a bad deal, would send

a “critical message” not just to Tehran but also to Pyongyang.

"The United States no longer makes empty threats. When I make promises, I keep them," Trump said.

But critics of Trump's decision to leave the Iran deal say it could undermine his credibility in North Korea's eyes, fueling doubts whether he would abide by any nuclear agreement.

Pompeo's trip this week raised the prospects that the three Korean-American detainees — Kim Hak-song, Kim Sang-duk and Kim Dong-chul — could be released.

Asked whether that could happen, Trump said: "We'll soon be finding out. It would be a great thing if they are." **REUTERS**

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Walmart opioid policy to limit people to seven-day supply

One mega-retailer announced a new plan to curb opioid abuse by limiting the amount dispensed to customers each week. The new Walmart opioid policy limits those with prescriptions to just seven days worth of pills at a time.

"Walmart and Sam's Club will restrict initial acute opioid prescriptions to no more than a seven-day supply, with up to a 50 morphine milligram equivalent maximum per day," America's largest retailer said in a statement.

"... a town of approximately 400 people would receive nearly 9 million opioid pills in two years."

Oregon Rep. Greg Walden

The move comes after the U.S. Centers For Disease Control outlined new guidelines for opioid use.

"Where state law for fills on new acute opioid prescriptions is less than seven days, Walmart and Sam's Club will follow state law," the company added.

The new policy will go into effect in the chain's stores in the United States and Puerto Rico within 60 days. The retailer will also require all opioid prescriptions come electronically from a doctor, eliminating fraud common with written prescriptions.

Walmart's move is similar to another limit proposed by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services earlier this year. Under that rule, Medicare patients would be restricted to 90 milligrams of morphine per day.

Limits, opponents say, should be imposed by doctors, not businesses and government.

"There are a lot of Medicare providers that already do very aggressive dose control now," Dr. Stefan Kertesz, a professor at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, told Stat in March. "We know what real opioid safety looks like. This is not that."

Also, doctors and editors of pain medical journals wrote a letter opposing the rule, saying it's overreach and could carry "serious consequences" for 1.6 million Medicare patients "who reached that threshold for at least one day in 2016," according to Stat.

"The plan avows no metric for success other than reducing certain measures of prescribing," the doctors and editors wrote in the letter. "Neither patient access to care nor patient health outcomes are mentioned."

Walmart's opioid policy change comes on the heels of pharmaceutical distributors admitting involvement in the opioid crisis.

"With the benefit of hindsight, I wish we had moved faster and asked a different set of questions, I am deeply sorry we did not," Cardinal Health Executive Chairman George Barrett told Congress Tuesday of shipping over 23 million prescription opioid doses to pharmacies in two small towns in West Virginia. The state has the highest number of opioid-related deaths.

"Today, I am confident we would reach different conclusions about those two pharmacies."

Kermit, West Virginia — population 400 — received nearly nine million hydrocodone pills over two years, according to the Washington Post.

"There is no logical explanation we can find for why a town of approximately 400 people would receive nearly nine million opioid pills in two years," Oregon Rep. Greg Walden, chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee, said, according to the Post. MEAGAN MORRIS



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America's Health Writer

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What Is This

Treatment And How Does It Work?

If you are suffering with knee (or other joint) arthritis and pain, you are not alone. Degenerative joint disease or "arthritis" affects 21 mil-lion Americans and typically involves the weight bearing joints – like your knees. According to the American College of Rheumatology, nearly 70% of people over the age of 70 have x-ray evidence of the disease (and the ranks of much younger victims of this progressive disorder continue to grow significantly).

The worst thing is: Arthritis can be devastating. The pain can keep you up at night and make getting out of bed and moving around a daunting task. The pain and stiffness can suck all the happiness and joy right out of your life

And up until now, treatment options have not been that good...

or that appealing to most patients. The basic protocol has been a steady diet of toxic pain pills until your joints completely wear out and then it's time to surgically replace the knee joint.

But Now Things Have Changed

Osteoarthritis is a joint disease that mostly affects the cartilage. Cartilages the tissue that covers the ends on bones in a joint. When healthy, cartilage allows bones to glide smoothly over one another and acts as a shock absorber. Your "normal" knee also contains a small amount of fluid called synovial fluid. This synovial fluid is a thick, gel-like solution that cushions and lubricates the joint—much like oil lubricates the engine of your car.

In osteoarthritis, the synovial fluid loses it's lubricating properties and "dries up" allowing the cartilage to break down and wear away. This is *like running your car with little or no oil*. Now as you attempt to use your knee(s), there is not enough lubrication causing the bones to grind together resulting in pain, swelling, stiffness and the joint continues to wear out. This is a vicious cycle and can lead to bone-on-bone rubbing and excruciating pain. Pain pills do NOT lubricate the joint or fix the problem. They simply mask the pain so you do not feel the pain as your joints continue to deteriorate. The eventual repercussions of this are obvious.

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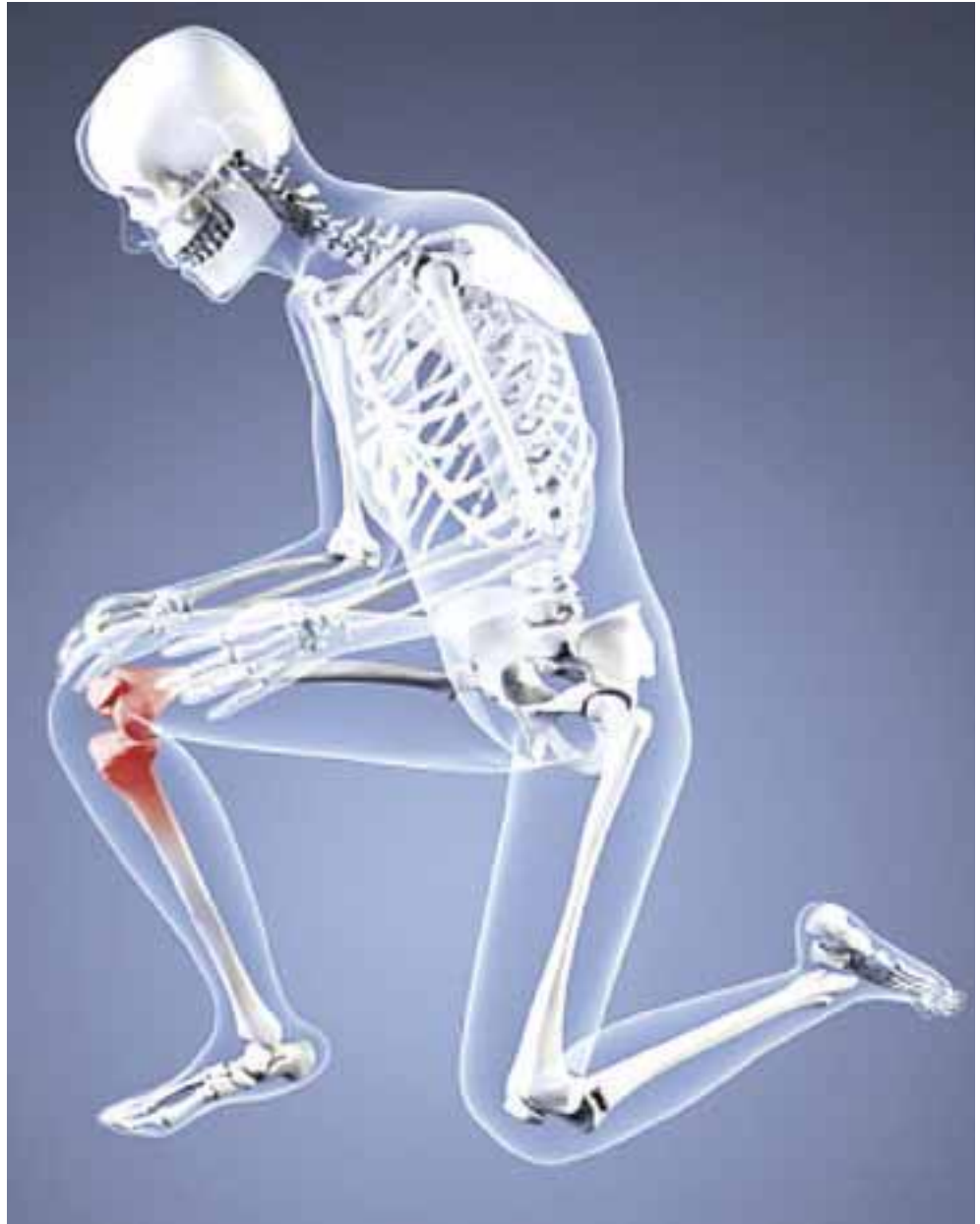
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TOM FOREMAN

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."



Team Trump went into full celebration mode this week at the resignation of the attorney general of New York. Don Jr. took to Twitter, gleefully ridiculing the sudden

demise of Eric Schneiderman's career. Kellyanne Conway fired out a terse, "Gotcha." I'll assume Donald Trump himself was thrilled, since he has previously called Schneiderman "dokey," "lightweight" and "a total loser."

Here is the backstory: Schneiderman was torched by a report in The New Yorker alleging he had sexual relations with and physically abused several women. He issued a statement denying it and making a cryptic reference to "role playing," but the damage was done. As an outspoken supporter of the #MeToo movement, he faced a social media storm, and his abrupt departure seemed designed to limit the damage — especially for the Democratic party in which he was something of a hero.

You see, Schneiderman was not just another state AG. He was Donald Trump's bête noire, assailing the New York billionaire at every turn. That lawsuit against Trump University which ended in a \$25 million settlement against Trump? That was Schneiderman's work. He was also

behind legal challenges to the administration's travel ban, relaxing of pollution guidelines, rollbacks of healthcare reform, the DACA immigration dispute, and on and on.

Just six months into the Trump presidency, he happily boasted, "I've developed a bit of a reputation ... as a guy who sues Donald Trump and the federal government!" Democrats loved it, and many saw Schneiderman as the tip of the legal spear for state action against Trump and his cronies if the Russia probe should come up empty — or the president should start passing out federal pardons.

And now Schneiderman is gone. But the Trumpsters might want to temper their jubilation. The irony won't be lost on anyone that Schneiderman fell to yet another accusation of sexual misconduct by a powerful man. (Ahem.) And Democrats in New York are already lining up possible replacements for the AG in this fall's election, including some who could prove just as ferocious in their pursuit of the president.



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Taurus If you offer people freedom of thought, you will be given the same privilege. If you don't question others, you can avoid sharing personal secrets.



Gemini Persuasive tactics will get you into trouble. Don't agree to something that you don't really want to do. Leading someone on will cause gossip, damaging your reputation.



Cancer You'll find comfort in doing something with a friend or relative and can ease your stress by getting involved in a creative project. Explore new hobbies to meet someone interesting.



Leo You'll find creative solutions that will help you put the changes you want to make into motion. Set a strict budget to avoid adding stress to your life.



Virgo You'll be intrigued by someone quite different from you. Don't be fooled into thinking you are missing out on something. What's good for someone else may not be good for you.



Libra Don't try to change others when you should be concentrating on physical and intellectual improvements. Better health, diet and fitness routines will change your attitude and make a difference.



Scorpio Stop stewing over something you cannot change and get involved in projects that will make a difference. Don't let an outsider lead you astray. Trust in facts, not in hearsay.



Sagittarius Emotional manipulation can be expected when dealing with a friend or loved one. Listen, take notes and show interest, but don't make a decision until you are satisfied that your facts are accurate.



Capricorn Take everything into consideration. If you try to make a snap decision, you will be disappointed in the results you get. Don't let anger overpower your ability to get things done properly.



Aquarius Moderation will be necessary when dealing with anyone who tends to be excessive or prone to overreaction. Spend time fixing up your living quarters or altering your current living arrangements.



Pisces An emotional matter will leave you feeling uncertain about someone close to you. Don't let someone from your past disrupt or interfere in your personal life. Ulterior motives are apparent.

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Make a brunch date with Mom

You love Mom — which is why you're not doing the cooking this Sunday. Here's where to treat her to a fun and delicious Mother's Day brunch. **EVA KIS**

Mimosas for moms

Flatiron's Greek steakhouse **Merakia** is throwing a brunch party with a three-course prix-fixe menu that includes unlimited mimosas for mamas (everyone else gets one or a Bloody Mary, too). Your meal begins with a strawberry salad with shrimp chiotikes, mains like the Eggs Benedict with a choice of keftedes or crab cake and baklava pancakes — or save your sweet tooth for a dessert of chocolate baklava? \$39, through 4 p.m., 5 W. 21st St., merakia.com

Japan meets France

Chef Yuu Shimano is a veteran of Guy Savoy in Paris, now making seasonal Japanese cuisine with French techniques at **Mifune**. Relax in the warm nature-inspired dining room and indulge in the surprisingly affordable Mother's Day tasting menu, which features five courses that include the restaurant's signature rolled zucchini with king crab tartare and Miyazaki Wagyu steak. End with a perfectly balanced cocktail by 2017's International Bartender of the Year, Shingo Gokan. \$50, noon-8:30 p.m., 245 E. 44th St., mifune-restaurant.com

Shopping pitstop

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One last chance at cherry blossoms

A late bloom at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden means the entire Cherry Esplanade remains in full bloom for Mother's Day weekend. Stroll the

blooming grounds and take all the selfies mom will indulge, then dine at the garden's **Palm House** where an unlimited buffet with items like basil soufflés, leg of lamb with porchetta and Southern-style banana pudding plus a brunch cocktail bar await. \$69 adults, \$25 kids under 12, includes garden admission, seating at 5 p.m., 1000 Washington Ave., Park Slope

caviar), or his nostalgic Baked Clams Oreganata (littleneck clams topped with mom's secret bread crumbs) for dinner. 99 Stanton St., thestantonsocial.com

Catch some cider

Normally, Brooklyn Cider House only offers its Basque-style cider catching experience — you hold your glass under the barrel as it's tapped — during dinner service, but they're making an exception for mom (aaaw). Swing by on Sunday for a three-course brunch (\$30) with options like prawns in creamy grits and a Cowboy steak & eggs, and add on two cider catches from their towering barrels for \$9. 1100 Flushing Ave., Bushwick, brooklynciderhouse.com

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Even your mom has heard about Black Tap's oversized, overdecorated and definitely necessary milkshakes by now. Treat her to one at Black Tap's Lower East Side location, which launches weekend brunch starting May 12. There are no reservations needed — so you get a pass for procrastinating this time — to dig into dishes like the Croissant Burger and The Southern Dip, a chicken sandwich with bacon sandwiched between maple-dipped blueberry waffles. 177 Ludlow St., blacktapnyc.com

Get nostalgic

We wouldn't tell you to take mom somewhere scene-y without good reason. For Mother's Day, chef de cuisine Derrick Prince at Lower East Side hang **Stanton Social** channels his favorite recipes growing up to create special dishes for brunch and dinner. Try his family's Sunday morning special Crab & Spring Vegetable Frittata (blue claw crab, asparagus, ramps, cherry tomatoes,



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Gabrielle Union stars
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Will Packer is taking on Hollywood in his own way

The producer's new film, "Breaking In," debuts Friday.



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While most of you might not have heard of Will Packer, you've certainly seen one of his films.

Packer has produced the likes of "Ride Along," "Think Like a Man" and "Girls Trip," each of which were embraced by huge audiences seeking to see fresh cinematic voices. Even though it is a well-worn idea, Packer's latest film "Breaking In"—which revolves around Gabrielle Union trying to, you guessed it, break in to a house to

save her kidnapped kids—has all the credentials to do the same, as it, once again, breaks the Hollywood mold.

I recently had the chance to chat with Packer, during which time he talked me through his producing process.

When did you want to be a producer?

I was actually in college studying electrical engineering. As far away from filmmaking as you can get. While I was in college I made a small independent feature. We were able to sell it to an audience on our college campus, because it was about life on our college campus. And it taught me a lot in niche market.

I then took that and made a movie that was a little bit bigger. Then a bit bigger again. To the point that I was like, "You know, what? I am a real-life bona-fide producer." I made a film that resonated with a particular audience. I am able to find that particular audience. And distribute the film to that audience. And even though I am doing much, much bigger projects, it is that same kind of concept and drive that works to this day.

What first attracted you to "Breaking In"?

This was brought to me just as a pitch. A concept that a young producer named Jaime Primak Sullivan said, "What if

we took the classic home invasion concept and flipped it on its head? And if we made a movie where now you have our protagonist break into the highly protected house to save her family." That's what hooked me. Plus the fact that, at its center, you have a female protagonist who happens to be a woman of color.

You have always made movies led by women. I have very proudly and unashamedly been making movies that

revolve around strong female characters. Strong female people of color characters and showing them in different lights than we usually see in cinema. I think that's what has made my projects stand out. And ultimately what has made them successful.


Why is that so important?

It is important because I think that the world is becoming more and

more diverse, and media and entertainment is becoming more and more diverse. Because you have more diverse voices like Will Packer hoping to tell and champion those stories. You have had the "Breaking Ins" forever that are all about those white male protagonists coming in and saving the day. You haven't seen that with a black female character, an Asian female, a gay character, a black transgender character. I just think that the more diverse the stories are the better. And audiences are now embracing stories that feel authentic, that are feeling more real to the world that we live, and that are becoming more and more diverse.



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Extreme makeover: Royals transform to maintain their image

Ahead of Meghan Markle's wedding with Prince Harry, Metro highlights how contemporary royals became icons of style.



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Everything they wear is sold out. The modern royals know that media are featuring every single step of them, as well as their apparel. That is why ahead of the #MegHarry wedding we are witnessing another transformation of the family in order to maintain the position of style referents.



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Trashy Y2K to royal style

In the case of Windsors, we can find substantial makeovers. Meghan Markle, in her actress days, used the marked style of the 00's decade: short dresses, body conscious looks and very casual ensembles.

Kate Middleton as well had a very conservative style that reflected fashion of that time:

riding boots, jeans, miniskirts and body conscious dresses. However, she has totally changed it since the engagement announcement made in her iconic blue gown by Issa.

On the other hand, Charlene of Monaco cut her hair and started to use hats and high couture dresses. And Queen

Letizia of Spain used suits and started finding her own style with Felipe Varela's gowns and Zara. That gave her ability to consider herself one of the best dressing women in the world.

THINGS IN COMMON: Extreme makeovers, hats, more formal ensembles.

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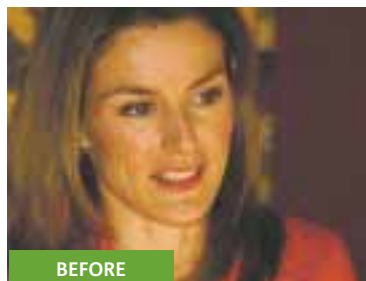
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Clear intentions

Fashion is politics. And monarchies know it. For that reason, royals are criticized for the cost of their looks. Kate Middleton and Queen Letizia have gained certain appreciation by repeating their outfits, for example. They also use low-cost clothing that common women could buy. And even though Queen Rania of Jordan is criticized for using Western style, she knows perfectly well how to mix tradition with modernity.

THINGS IN COMMON: Low-cost pieces, repeating looks. Know what to communicate in crisis situations and respect for local cultures.



Young, thin, marvelous

Many of the most notorious changes in all royals have been their physical transformation through the years. The most remarkable one and criticized by press for her Botox use was Queen Letizia of Spain and Charlene of Monaco.

Besides, the royals are "miraculously" perfect at each occasion, as happened during the multiple births of Kate Middleton children. She and Meghan Markle are supposed to provide a natural image, common in Windsor house since Diana's times.

THINGS IN COMMON: Weight. Botox use, but natural image. Perfection in each moment.

Natural-born style

Other royals come from very wealthy families. They didn't have to change radically, but "edit" their style. That happened with Maxima Zorreguieta, Queen of Netherlands, who at the beginning was using even more formal pieces than others. She added color and statement accessories to her outfits.

Queen Rania wore colorful suits, but with time she became a master regarding what to wear and how to wear it for any occasion without losing her main image.

THINGS IN COMMON: Luxury gowns, personalized details in pieces. Flattering ensembles for each occasion. Little changes in institutional image.



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New Knicks HC Fizdale talks KP at first presser

The new Knicks head coach was introduced to the New York media on Tuesday where he discussed his injured star.



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David Fizdale, the new head coach of the New York Knicks, met with the media that will be hawking him for his entire tenure at Madison Square Garden in an introductory press conference on Tuesday morning where he immediately delved into his plans moving forward.

The hottest topic on everyone's mind was injured star Kristaps Porzingis, who will now

be playing under his fourth-different head coach in as many years in the NBA when he makes his return from a torn ACL suffered in February. While it was initially reported that the Latvian might be able to return by Christmas, there are doubts if he'll even be able to see the court during in 2018-19.

Regardless, Fizdale sees an incredible future alongside Porzingis.

"He's the future of the NBA," Fizdale said. "You look at all these teams that are still playing right now and they all got guys who are super long, super athletic, super skilled, super tough-minded, are incredible workers and that is what [Porzingis] embodies. ... He fits all the qualities of a megastar and a guy who can really propel a franchise forward to high places."

Porzingis was developing into that megastar before his injury, averaging a career-high 22.7 points per game during his first season without Carmelo Anthony, who was traded to the Oklahoma City Thunder shortly before the start of the 2017-18 campaign.

And while the 22-year-old is considered the face of New York's franchise for the foreseeable future, the relationship between player and organization aren't necessarily at its most stable status. Last summer, Porzingis skipped out on his end-of-season exit interviews with former team president Phil Jackson and current president Steve Mills due to frustration in the way the team was being run.

With a contract extension for Porzingis



David Fizdale was introduced to the New York media on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

being a priority among Knicks management, even if they haven't opted to discuss it, the relationship has to be

smoothed out between the two parties. Fizdale isn't wasting any time, either.

"We're working on

that right now," Fizdale replied when asked if he'll visit Porzingis in Latvia this summer. "The plane's warming up."

While the two haven't met yet, New York's new head coach is already scheming on how he'll utilize the 7-foot-3 star. The thing is, there are no rules to his gameplan.

When asked if he'll play Porzingis at power forward, his preferred position, or at center, Fizdale said that he will play "all of it. Why limit it? Why put a ceiling on him?"

In the meantime, Fizdale will have to navigate the first few months of his time in New York without his new star.

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Mets trade SP Matt Harvey to Reds

GM Sandy Alderson deals Harvey before seven-day DFA deadline, gets back catcher Devin Mesoraco.



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The New York Mets announced Tuesday night that they have traded starting pitcher Matt Harvey to the Cincinnati Reds for catcher Devin Mesoraco.

It will be a simple swap considering the Mets are in Cincinnati in the midst of a three-game series against the Reds.

The move officially brings Harvey's tumultuous six-year career with the Mets to an end, a path that saw him fall from possible franchise savior to pariah due to struggles and behavioral issues in and away from the clubhouse.

After being moved from the starting rotation to the bullpen in an attempt to rejuvenate his career this season, Harvey was unable to contribute in any sort of way to the Mets' pitching staff, accruing a 7.00 ERA in eight appearances this season.

The Mets attempted to move Harvey down to the minors after his brief bullpen stint yielded nothing positive, but the 29-year-old refused, forcing the Mets to designate him for assignment on Saturday. It gave general manager Sandy Alderson seven days to trade Harvey or grant him his outright release.

There was plenty of interest surrounding Harvey over the last few days with the Texas Rangers, Seattle Mariners and San Francisco Giants also expressing varying levels of interest. The Reds were initially something of an afterthought in the Harvey sweepstakes, though



The Mets traded Matt Harvey on Tuesday night for Reds catcher Devin Mesoraco. GETTY IMAGES

they were in clear need of pitching help as evident in Monday night's game in which rotational ace Homer Bailey was rocked

for six runs in four innings of work.

Of Cincinnati's starters, all five have ERA's over 4.00, with Luis Castil-

lo and Brandon Finnegan sporting marks of over 7.00. While Harvey is now an enigma, a change of scenery could help give

him a fresh start and help provide some sort of improvement to a team that is one of the worst in Major League Baseball.

As for the Mets, they get some catching help that they so desperately needed as they were relying on Tomas Nido and Jose Lobaton to hold down the backstop after Travis d'Arnaud and Kevin Plawecki went down with injuries. Mesoraco though has been riddled with injury issues over the past three years.

The 29-year-old catcher was an All-Star in 2014, batting .273 with 25 home runs and 80 RBI in 114 games. But he was limited to just 95 games from 2015-2017 and was Cincinnati's backup behind Tucker Barnhart at the start of the 2018 season.

At the end of the day though, this is an MLB-caliber catcher when he's healthy and a clear upgrade from both Lobaton and Nido.



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- 14 More gaunt
- 15 Pulls off a coup
- 16 Strong protest
- 17 Sixth sense
- 18 "Have you – wool?"
- 19 Funny-peculiar
- 21 Dull routine
- 23 Holy terror
- 26 Thai language
- 27 Big clock
- 28 Web, for example
- 30 Giants hero of yore
- 31 Yes vote
- 32 Everglades wader
- 33 Bridal accessories
- 35 Air show formation
- 37 GI address
- 38 Sea eagles
- 39 Taiga denizen
- 40 Pantry item
- 41 Mil. rank
- 42 Quaint lodging

- 43 Greet the moon
- 44 Unit of weight
- 46 Hard water?
- 48 Dress
- 51 See
- 55 Temporary wheels
- 56 Get possession of
- 57 Overlooked
- 58 Mails out

DOWN

- 1 Utah inst.
- 2 – Alamos
- 3 Cash substitute
- 4 Torn piece
- 5 Soaks in gravy
- 6 Kapitan's command (hyph.)
- 7 Verb go-with
- 8 Loosening
- 9 Incite Rover
- 10 Poetic adverb
- 11 Wine preference
- 13 Fish hawk
- 19 Shoot-'em-ups
- 20 Overly fond
- 22 Lopsided

- 24 Musical rattle
- 25 Gas pump option
- 26 Hold dear
- 27 Quartet member
- 28 Go in search of
- 29 Bond's alma mater
- 34 Renting out
- 36 Warm ocean current (2 wds.)
- 42 Sluggish
- 43 Filmdom's Jezebel
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- 49 As well
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- 52 – Holm of "Alien"
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